

# AGENDA

## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee will be held in Manly Town Hall on

**THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2024**

Beginning at 9:00 AM for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

## Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

## Committee Members

Cr Sue Heins	Curl Curl Ward – Mayor - Chair
Cr Candy Bingham	Manly Ward
Cr Ruth Robins	Narrabeen Ward
Cr Michael Gencher	Pittwater Ward
Cr Jose Menano-Pires	Frenchs Forest Ward
Supt Patrick Sharkey	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Aileen Ogilvie	Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team
Narelle Hand	Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Interagency
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Antoin Cullen	Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency
Sam King	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Michele Bell	Northern Sydney Community Network
Kevin Kingsbeer	Northern Sydney Housing and Homelessness Interagency
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Local Health District
Craig Parsons	Northern Sydney Primary Health Network
Wendy Finianos	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Libby Paulsen	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Lucy Brand	Community Representative – Manly Ward
Mary Brearton	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Kylie Ferguson	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Dr Sophie Scamps	Federal Member for Mackellar
Zali Steggall OAM MP	Federal Member for Warringah
Matt Cross MP	State Member for Davidson
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Rory Amon MP	State Member for Pittwater
Michael Regan MP	State Member for Wakehurst

## Council Officer Contacts

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Manager Community Development
Kath Young	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer Community Development

## Visitors

Alex Blair	Team Leader Community Development
Gypsy Bryant	LGBTIQA+ Working Group representative

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to be held on Thursday 15 February 2024 in Manly Town Hall  
Commencing at 9:00 AM**

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**NEXT MEETING Thursday 16 May 2024**

## 1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

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## 2.0 APOLOGIES

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All members are expected to attend the Community Safety Advisory Committee meetings or tender their apologies to the Chair or Committee liaison person. If members are unable to attend they may delegate their position to another member of their organisation, with the approval of the Chair.

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## 3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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Members should disclose any "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

A **pecuniary interest** is defined in Section 4 of the Code as:

*A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.*

A **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** is defined in Section 5 of the Code as:

*A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.*

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## 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16 NOVEMBER 2023

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held 16 November 2023, copies of which were previously circulated to all members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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## 5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

<b>ITEM 5.1</b>	<b>ACTIONS UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/814326</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

### MEETING OF 16 NOVEMBER 2023

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
2.0	Recruitment for community representative for Pittwater Ward to be undertaken.	Kath Young	Update to be provided at meeting.
6.1	Discussion be undertaken with schools' network regarding opportunities to share eBike education with the community.	David Kerr	Update to be provided.
6.3	Committee members consider sharing information with their networks on emergency preparedness.	Committee members	Completed
6.6.1	Committee members consider sharing information with their networks on the YourGround NSW Project and Council's Financial Hardship webpage.	Committee members	Completed
6.6.2	Committee members to share Sexual Assault Working Group printed resources with local services staff for trialling.	Committee members	Completed
7.1	Advise Council's Traffic Engineers of Committee member concerns for road safety in Collaroy and Collaroy Plateau.	Kath Young	Update to be provided at meeting.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

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## 6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	POLICE REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT PATRICK SHARKEY - 30 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2023/814328
ATTACHMENTS	1 Recorded Crime Statistics: October 2018 – September 2023

### ISSUE

This is a standing item on the agenda. The Commander, Northern Beaches Police Area Command will brief the Committee on relevant crime and safety issues.

### BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) publish recorded crime statistics for NSW each quarter. Recorded crime statistics for selected major offence categories over the period October 2018 to September 2023 for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area and NSW are attached for the information of Committee members.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

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### Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics October 2018 - September 2023

Incidents of crime recorded by the NSW Police Force in Northern Beaches LGA: number, rates<sup>^</sup> and trends<sup>^^</sup>

Major offence category <sup>BOCSAR</sup>	Incidents of crime recorded by NSW Police Force in Northern Beaches LGA					Rate per 100,000 population Oct 2022 - Sept 2023 <sup>^</sup>		2 year trend and annual % change <sup>^^</sup> (Oct 2021 - Sept 2023)		5 year trend and average annual % change <sup>^^</sup> (Oct 2018 - Sept 2023)	
	Oct 2018 -Sept 2019	Oct 2019 -Sept 2020	Oct 2020 -Sept 2021	Oct 2021 -Sept 2022	Oct 2022 -Sept 2023	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW
Murder	1	0	1	0	0	nc	0.7	nc	Stable	nc	Down 5.9%
Domestic violence related assault	514	387	319	253	266	100.6	436.5	Stable	Stable	Down 15.2%	Up 3.2%
Non-domestic violence related assault	703	577	517	473	509	192.5	414.1	Stable	Up 11.2%	Down 7.8%	Stable
Sexual assault	129	129	164	137	127	48	98.6	Stable	Stable	Stable	Up 6.7%
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	160	160	142	148	123	46.5	89.1	Down 16.9%	Stable	Stable	Down 3.4%
Robbery without a weapon	34	32	20	21	25	9.5	13.9	Stable	Up 25.2%	Stable	Down 6.3%
Robbery with a firearm	2	0	0	1	2	0.8	1.4	nc	Stable	nc	Down 8.8%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	14	6	11	7	6	2.3	9.4	nc	Stable	nc	Down 4.0%
Break and enter dwelling	358	227	260	224	222	83.9	244.2	Stable	Up 8.1%	Down 11.3%	Down 6.2%
Break and enter non-dwelling	178	130	127	60	105	39.7	103.3	Up 75.0%	Up 15.2%	Down 12.4%	Down 4.7%
Motor vehicle theft	213	175	180	164	177	66.9	171	Stable	Up 18.8%	Stable	Stable
Steal from motor vehicle	935	728	684	456	379	143.3	355.1	Stable	Up 5.0%	Down 20.2%	Down 7.3%
Steal from retail store	734	350	444	505	684	258.6	333.8	Up 35.4%	Up 36.1%	Stable	Stable
Steal from dwelling	359	339	293	245	301	113.8	194.8	Stable	Stable	Down 4.3%	Down 4.4%
Steal from person	72	51	43	30	27	10.2	26.4	Stable	Up 16.6%	Down 21.7%	Down 14.2%
Fraud	1263	1146	1150	1056	1101	416.3	585.2	Stable	Up 3.5%	Down 3.4%	Down 2.7%
Malicious damage to property	1370	1102	1024	785	789	298.3	606.5	Stable	Stable	Down 12.9%	Down 3.8%

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)

<sup>^^</sup> Shows the results of a statistical test for a significant upward or downward trend in the monthly number of criminal incidents recorded. Where the trend is significant (i.e p<0.05) the average annual percentage change over the five and two year period is shown. Significant upward trends are highlighted in red; significant downward trends are highlighted in green. 'Stable' indicates there was no significant upward or downward trend and 'nc' indicates that the number of incidents recorded was too small for a reliable trend test to be performed.

<b>ITEM 6.2</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT - 15 MINUTES</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/814327</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**ISSUE**

This is a standing item on the Committee agenda. The Executive Manager, Environmental Compliance will brief the Committee on relevant compliance and regulatory issues.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received and noted.

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<b>ITEM 6.3</b>	<b>LGBTQIA+ WORKING GROUP UPDATE - 30 MINUTES</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>TEAM LEADER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/814331</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## ISSUE

To update the Committee on the progress of the Northern Beaches LGBTQIA+ Working Group (the Group) and seek advice and input into safety related strategies and actions.

## BACKGROUND

Council's Community Safety Plan (the Plan) adopted in September 2021 identified an action relating to the local LGBTQIA+ community, to:

*'Develop a working group to explore safety issues relating to LGBTQIA+ community, with a focus on younger people.'*

Expressions of Interest (EOI) were open from 1 February to 28 February in the lead up to Sydney WorldPride 2023. To ensure the Group had diverse and balanced representation, the EOI sought up to 2 community members per Council Ward and up to 3 community organisations, with a focus on lived experience, connections to the local LGBTQIA+ community, and young people.

The purpose of the Group is to identify strategies that make the Northern Beaches increasingly safe, inclusive and welcoming place for all, over a 12 month period from June 2023 to June 2024.

The Group was established in June 2023 with 9 community representatives across 5 wards, 3 representatives from community organisations and Council staff from diverse teams, coordinated by staff in the Community Development team.

## DISCUSSION

Since June 2023, the Group has met bimonthly and made the following progress:

- Development of Terms of Reference to clarify the purpose and intended outcomes.
- Discussed and collated the key issues and experiences of the LGBTQIA+ community on the Northern Beaches.
- Identified four main outcome areas to inform development of actions and strategies.
- Developed draft actions and strategies towards identified outcomes.
- Met with relevant Council staff to discuss and refine draft actions.
- Identified key external stakeholders and developed an engagement plan for early 2024.

Members of the Working Group will attend the Committee meeting to present on the safety related issues and proposed draft actions and strategies to address them and seeking feedback and input from Committee members.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the information received and participate in a workshop on the proposed safety related strategies and actions.

<b>ITEM 6.4</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN ACTIONS UPDATE - 20 MINUTES</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/814333</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>1 List of all Actions - Community Safety Plan</b>

## ISSUE

The Community Safety Coordinator will provide a mid-term review to the Committee on progress in implementing Council's Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 (the Plan).

## BACKGROUND

The Northern Beaches Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 is an important tool to help realise Council's vision of '*...a safe, diverse, inclusive and connected community that lives in balance with our extraordinary coastal and bushland environment*'.

This Plan activates the 'safe' direction of Council's *Better Together* 2040 Social Sustainability Strategy and contributes towards the vision of Council's Community Strategic Plan - Shape 2028 for a 'safe, inclusive and connected community'.

The Plan provides a five-year roadmap for Council and the community to maintain and improve safety for all residents of the Northern Beaches. It outlines the actions that Council, service partners and the community are currently taking, and will take over the period 2021-2026 to build on our responsiveness to community safety issues.

The Plan has 10 Priority Areas and a range of Actions to achieve the outcomes of Safe Places and Safe People (Attachment 1).

Improving community safety requires all sections of the community to work together and build partnerships to create a safer environment for people to work, live and play. Council takes a collaborative approach to community safety and crime prevention and has been working with a range of stakeholders to progress actions under the Plan.

A mid-term review of progress against Community Safety Plan actions will be provided to the Committee, together with discussion on 2024 priorities.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the update on progress against the Community Safety Plan actions and priorities for 2024.

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## COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN ACTIONS 2021 – 2026

Safe Places	<b>Priority Area 1: Safe Open Spaces</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year Commence</b>
	OPS1	Establish a 'hot spot' response capacity that implements timely crime prevention and safety measures at emerging locations.	Police	22/23
	OPS2	Conduct a full review of alcohol restricted zoning.	Police, Liquor and Gaming NSW, Northern Beaches Liquor Accord	21/22 & 25/26
	OPS3	Consult with the NSW 24 Hour Economy Commissioner to develop night time economy strategies to activate vibrant, inclusive and safe open spaces.	NSW 24 Hour Economy Commissioner, Chambers of Commerce, Northern Beaches Liquor Accord	23/24
	OPS4	Consider CCTV to deter anti-social and criminal behaviour in high risk locations.	Police	21/22
	<b>Priority Area 2: Safe Neighbourhoods</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	NHD1	Ensure community facilities are accessible, flexible and functional shared spaces for the community.	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches, PCYC	25/26
	<b>Priority Area 3: Safe Business</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	BUS1	Provide post-COVID19 support to local businesses.	Chamber of Commerce	21/22
	BUS2	Engage with the business community to build crime prevention capacity.	Police	22/23
	<b>Priority Area 4: Safe Travel</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	TRA1	Work with the State Transit Authority to address antisocial and intimidating behaviour by patrons on public transport.	STA, Police	21/22
	TRA2	Raise awareness about safety while travelling through the Northern Beaches.	STA	22/23
	TRA3	Identify opportunities to strengthen safe transport options for priority populations, in partnership with community organisations.	Local services	23/24
	<b>Priority Area 5: Safe Online</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	ONL1	Promote the use of safe language in social media with a view to reducing bullying.	Northern Beaches Suicide Response Group	21/22
	ONL2	Investigate initiatives to deliver digital literacy and online safety programs to priority populations.	Police, eSafety Commissioner, Local services	22/23
Safe People	<b>Priority Area 6: Safe Residents</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	RES1	Address barriers for some members of the community in accessing and participating in sport and health and wellbeing programs in collaboration with key stakeholders.	Local services, PCYC, Community groups, Local businesses, Sporting and community organisations	23/24
	RES2	Develop an Affordable Housing Action Plan to accommodate our developing community.	Community housing providers, Land and Housing Corporation	22/23
	<b>Priority Area 7: Safe Visitors</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	VIS1	Ensure that night activation strategies and events that attract tourism are conducted safely.	Local businesses	22/23
	<b>Priority Area 8: Safe Relationships</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	REL1	Promote awareness of elder abuse.	Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network, Police, Seniors Groups, NSW Ageing & Disability Commission, Relationships Australia, Local services, Northern Beaches Multicultural Network	21/22
	REL2	Collaborate with key stakeholders to assess crime trends in sexual assault and advocate for appropriate community actions.	Police	21/22
	REL3	Establish a working group to address family and domestic violence in culturally and linguistically diverse communities.	Multicultural NSW, Police, Relationships Australia, Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network, Northern Beaches Multicultural Network	23/24
	REL4	Examine the prevalence and causes of adolescent violence towards parents across the Northern Beaches.	Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network, Police, Local services	22/23
	<b>Priority Area 9: Safe Communities</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	COM1	Identify partnerships and investigate ways the community can work together to reduce social isolation.	Local services, Community	21/22
	COM2	Develop and implement a Dementia Friendly Organisation Action Plan and work with the local Northern Beaches Dementia Alliance on a Dementia Friendly Community Action Plan.	Sydney North Health Network, Dementia Alliance, Seniors Groups, Local services, Local businesses	22/23
	COM3	Explore opportunities to extend youth outreach activities throughout the Northern Beaches.	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency, Northern Beaches Council Youth Advisory Group	21/22
	COM4	Develop a working group to explore safety issues relating to LGBTIQ+ community, with a focus on younger people.	Local services	22/23
	COM5	Develop a Youth Discussion Paper to identify youth specific needs and challenges and to inform the delivery of youth programs.	Young people, Local Services, Police	21/22
	<b>Priority Area 10: Safe Support</b>			
	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Year</b>
	SUP1	Collaborate with mental health services to improve the response to suicide and to implement suicide first aid skills training and other suicide awareness activities.	Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group, Mental Health services, NSW Health	21/22
	SUP2	Prepare and strengthen our community and enable us to withstand, adapt and transform in the face of adversity.	Resilience NSW, Local services	23/24
	SUP3	Develop a Wellbeing Outcomes Framework for strengthening individual and collective wellbeing for everyone living in the community.	Local services, Community	22/23
	SUP4	Develop a Mental Health Issues paper to understand the current state of service availability and demand on the Northern Beaches & identify challenges and opportunities.	Mental Health Services	22/23
	SUP5	Collaborate with local services to reduce the impact of alcohol and other drug use on the community.	Northern Sydney Local Health Services, Local service providers	22/23

<b>ITEM 6.5</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/814330</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## ISSUE

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Community Safety Coordinator to provide an update.

## BACKGROUND

### Police and Council Operational meeting

A meeting was held on 7 December 2023 with the following key topics of discussion:

- Upcoming events to February 2024
- Community member correspondence regarding:
  - Manly Waves Hotel
  - Seabeach Gardens Retirement Village
- Discussed locations including:
  - West Esplanade
  - Walter Gors Park
  - Baringa Reserve Seaforth
  - Avalon
  - Manly Beach

A further Police Council Operational meeting was held on 8 February 2024. The key topics of discussion will be provided to the Committee in the update presentation.

The next meeting will be held on 4 April 2024.

### Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Working Group

The Working Group met on 1 February 2024 to progress arrangements for the professional development webinar: Supporting victims and survivors of sexual assault scheduled for 21 February 2024. This webinar is intended to support local services providers to respond to disclosures of sexual assault.

### Suicide Prevention Working Group

The Northern Sydney Suicide Prevention Working Group met on 15 November and continues to make progress towards endorsing a new Terms of Reference for improved Collaborative Governance.

The Youth Response Team operating out of the Mona Vale Hospital was discussed. Dr David Gordon, clinical lead with the Northern Sydney Local Health District, specialising in child & adolescent and addiction psychiatry, will be invited to the next meeting to report on their youth response model of care.

The male focused subgroup met on 1 November 2023 to review the evaluation of the recent Men's Breakfast.

A total of 83 people attended the event: 57 community members and 17 stall holders. Feedback was very positive overall. 93% of survey respondents indicated that their level of awareness of local men's groups had increased from attending the event.

Discussion focused on the role of role of GPs in the referral of Mental Health plans and the exploration of more safe spaces. The resource has been distributed and promoted on Council website. Lifeline Northern Beaches will develop targeted training opportunities for men's groups. Tailored mental health training to CALD communities was discussed. A follow-up survey with the men's group / breakfast attendees will be conducted in February and April to inform future actions.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note this information.